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Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children

Report of the Third Committee

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1. At its 19th plenary meeting, on 20 September 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children", and to allocate it to the Third Committee.

2. The Third Committee considered the item jointly with item 105, entitled "Promotion and protection of the rights of children", at its 17th to 21st meetings, on 11, 14, 15 and 16 October 2002. An account of the Committee's discussion is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.3/57/SR.17-21).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Letter dated 22 August 2002 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the Koizumi Initiative (Concrete Action of the Japanese Government to be Taken for Sustainable Development — Towards Global Sharing) announced in Tokyo on 21 August 2002 (A/57/350);

(b) Letter dated 23 September 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Declaration adopted by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 at their twenty-sixth annual meeting, held at United Nations Headquarters on 19 September 2002 (A/57/444).

4. At the 17th meeting, on 11 October, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, the Deputy to the Director of the New York Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund made introductory statements (see A/C.3/57/SR.17).

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5. At the same meeting, the Committee engaged in a dialogue with the above-mentioned speakers, in which the following delegations took part: Afghanistan, Syrian Arab Republic, Austria, Cuba, Switzerland, Palestine, Israel, Senegal, Democratic Republic of the Congo and Suriname (see A/C.3/57/SR.17).

6. No action was taken under this item.